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E. O. 1162: GDS

TAGS: SREF, VS

SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF INDOCHINA REFUGEE REPATRIANTS

FOR JULIA TAFT FROM CHARGE

REF: STATE 142533

1. IT IS MOST UNLIKELY GOP WOULD AGREE TO TRANSFER OF  
REPATRIANTS TO SUBIC BAY AND IN MY JUDGEMENT IT WOULD NOT  
BE IN U.S. INTERESTS TO MAKE REQUEST.

2. BASICALLY, GOP WANTS NO PART OF REFUGEE PROGRAM AND  
NEVER HAS. IT HAS NEVER BEEN COOPERATIVE AND IS NOT LIKELY  
TO BE SO IN THIS CASE. NOT ONLY HAS THE GOP BEEN ANXIOUS  
TO AVOID IRRITATING THE PRG BUT THERE HAS BEEN EQUAL FEAR  
THAT VC ELEMENTS MIGHT SLIP OUT OF PIPELINE AND GET LOST  
IN THE PHILIPPINES.

3. I FIND PARTICULARLY VEXING THE ARGUMENT THAT THIS  
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OPERATION WOULD NOT STRAIN GOP RELATIONS WITH THE NEW

VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES AND MIGHT INDEED IMPROVE THEM.  
IT CERTAINLY IS NOT IN OUR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS, AT THIS  
STAGE AT LEAST, TO HELP IMPROVE PRG/PHIL RELATIONS.

4. FURTHERMORE, I HAVE LITTLE FAITH IN UNHCR ANTICI-  
PATION THAT MOVEMENT BACK TO VIETNAM MAY BEGIN WITHIN A  
"FEW WEEKS." UNHCR HAS HAD TWO REPRESENTATIVES IN  
PHILIPPINES FOR SEVERAL WEEKS NOW AND THEIR HELP WITH  
REFUGEE PROBLEM TO DATE HAS BEEN LESS THAN USELESS.

5. I WOULD THINK CINCPAC AND JCS MIGHT HAVE SOME  
SERIOUS SECURITY CONCERNS OVER USING SUBIC NAVAL BASE AS  
STAGING AREA FOR REFUGEES RETURNING TO COMMUNIST VIETNAM  
AN I CAN'T BELIEVE COMINGLING RESULTING FROM TWO-WAY  
REFUGEE FLOW ANY LESS TROUBLESOME AT SUBIC THAN AT GUAM.

6. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT RAINY SEASON HAS STARTED  
IN PHILIPPINES AND REFUGEE POPULATION AT SUBIC ALREADY  
LARGER THAN CAN BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER HARDROOF.

7. THE GOP HAS BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET OVER OUR LONG DELAY  
IN CLEARING REMAINING REFUGEES FROM SUBIC, AND I WOULD NOT  
WISH TO GIVE THEM CAUSE TO RAISE THE ISSUE AGAIN. I  
SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR PROBLEM BUT BELIEVE LEAVING  
REPATRIANTS WHERE THEY ARE OR MOVING THEM TO WAKE IS FAR  
BETTER SOLUTION THAN TRYING TO USE SUBIC.  
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